



# Ward Notification

## Tucson Fire Department

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### **Ward 1 – House Fire – 5500 Block of South Verdugo Avenue**

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Dispatch time – 0348  
On scene time – 0352  
Fire under control – 0405

A family of five was sleeping when the smoke detector sounded, waking them up. When the 10-year-old boy heard the alarm, he reminded his younger brother and sister to stay low and crawl under the smoke. He had learned how to escape a house fire when firefighters taught him in school in his third grade class. The entire family was waiting at the meeting place when firefighters arrived. Firefighters saw smoke and flames coming from an office in the back of the home and heard the smoke detector sounding when they entered. It took eight units and 23 firefighters approximately 13 minutes to extinguish. No injuries occurred.

Red Cross is assisting this family of 5 with food, clothing, medications and shelter.  
Fire spread from the office to the roof area. The office is completely destroyed, the ceiling space has flame damage and there is smoke damage throughout the home.  
Damage estimate - \$100,000 damage  
Cause – Accidental electrical  
Origin – Office in back of home

Safety message: A 10-year-old boy is credited for his heroic actions and for sharing information he learned in school with his family. Have a working smoke detector and an escape plan with two ways out of every room. Stay low under smoke and go outside to the meeting place. Never ever go back inside for anything. This boy did everything right, and no injuries occurred as a result. He is a real hero!